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Dept./Agy.: Twenty-Fourth Judicial District
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COURTS/COURT COSTS OR +\$53,000 LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for an increase in commissioners fees in the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court

Purpose of Bill: This measure authorizes judges of the 24th Judicial District Court (JDC) to increase commissioner fees for all persons convicted of a felony or misdemeanor offense from an amount not to exceed \$100 to an amount not to exceed \$125. The increase in fees would not apply to convictions for traffic violations under Title 32 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 or under the ordinances adopted by the governing authority of Jefferson Parish.

As required by state law, the 24th JDC submitted a proposal to the Judicial Review Council to review their proposed increase in commissioner fees. The Judicial Review Council has reviewed their proposal and found that the proposed costs appear to meet the applicable guidelines.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total. A second table follows with REVENUES, showing Local Funds increasing from \$0 to \$53,000 and Annual Total increasing to \$265,000.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This measure may increase local governmental revenues for the 24th JDC by approximately \$53,000 annually.

An official with the 24th JDC estimated that the average collection for the past five years was \$212,672 annually for a total of approximately 2,127 cases annually. If this measure is enacted, commissioner fees are anticipated to increase from \$100 to \$125 for a total increase of \$53,000 annually (\$25 x 2,127 cases).

- Senate Dual Referral Rules House
13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}
6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S}
6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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